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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT--INCREASED CIP  
PROGRAM FOR 1977

1. AT FAHMY'S LUNCH FOR SECRETARY VANCE, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK SEPARATELY TO DEPUTY PRIMIN (ECONOMICS) KAISOUNI AND TO PRIMIN MAMDUH SALEM ABOUT THE NEED TO EXPEDITE GOE RATIFICATION PROCESS ONCE THE NEW \$440 MILLION CIP LOAN AGREEMENT IS SIGNED. I TOLD THEM THAT WE HOPED TO HAVE FORMAL APPROVAL TO SIGN THE LOAN AGREEMENT BY THE END OF THIS MONTH OR EARLY MARCH. ONCE SIGNING TAKES PLACE, THE BALL IS ENTIRELY IN THE EGYPTIAN COURT.

2. AS WE HAD EXPLAINED IN CONNECTION WITH PREVIOUS CIP AGREEMENTS, WE CANNOT PROCEED WITH AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT OF COMMODITIES UNTIL WE HAVE BEEN FORMERLY NOTIFIED BY MINISTRY OF JUSTICE THAT RATIFICATION PROCEDURE COMPLETED AND AGREEMENT IS CONSIDERED BY GOE TO BE IN EFFECT. IN THE PAST, UNFORTUNATELY, THE PROCESS OF GETTING SUCH AGREEMENTS APPROVED FIRST BY THE STATE COUNCIL AND SUBSEQUENTLY

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BY THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, HAS TAKEN AS MUCH AS FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS. THIS KIND OF SLUGGISH ACTION HAS BELIED THE URGENCY WHICH SENIOR EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS HAVE ATTACHED TO OBTAINING SUCH CIP LOANS. I URGED THAT BOTH KAISOUNI AND SALEM INVOLVE THEMSELVES PERSONALLY IN INSURING

THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT, ONCE  
SIGNED, IS RAPIDLY MOVED THROUGH GOE CONSTITUTIONAL  
PROCEDURE FOR RATIFICATION.

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## IS NECESSARY ON OUR  
SIDE. WE WILL, THEREFORE, BE READY TO PROCEED JUST  
AS SOON AS GOE INDICATES ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES  
HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. BOTH PRIMIN AND KAISOUNI PROMISED  
GOE RATIFICATION OF THE NEW AGREEMENT WILL BE EX-  
EXPEDITED. SALEM SAID IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE  
THE PROCESS IN NO MORE THAN TWO TO THREE WEEKS.

4. WE WILL FOLLOW UP AS APPROPRIATE.  
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